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The Burrowing Owl our National Bird

By: Roland W. Peterson



Photo by Drs. Greg Peterson

Aruba is a little island country. It is small, but it is a country. Every country has its flag and anthem.

Aruba also has its own

flag and anthem. It also has its own currency.

Amongst the things we are officially missing are the national flower and tree and

also of course our national bird. One that no other country has as their national bird.

I looked all over and read many articles to see which bird should this be.

I came up with the following criteria that the bird must have:

1- It has to be an endemic bird of Aruba. It only lives in Aruba

2- It has to be a bird everyone knows.

3- It has to be a bird we are proud of

4- It has to be a bird that never migrates.

5- It has to have the support of the Foundation ABC, which came up (during their calendar launch) with the idea of the Owl being our National Bird.

6- Preferably it has to be a bird that no other country has as their national bird.

After examining the above mentioned criteria, I came up with our "Burrowing Owl" (*Athene cunicularia arubensis*)

Because of the following:

* When the first human set foot on Aruba our owl was here to welcome him.

* Several cave drawings of the old Indians depict our owl.

With some reservation I can conclude that the owl is an Aruban bird.

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Record flooding hits eastern Australia

QUEENSLAND, Australia -- Australians struggled to keep dry yesterday after record flooding made many eastern towns look more like vast lakes than residential communities.

Half of Queensland has been declared a disaster zone, and more rain is forecast for the next few days, according to the Bureau of Meteorology. The towns of Chinchilla, Dalby and Theodore are the worst affected.

Emergency workers called the situation dire and warned the worst is yet to come. The floodwaters were expected to submerge another 50 homes in Chinchilla, in Queensland's southern inland, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation reported yesterday.

Flood warnings remained in effect for several rivers and some were expected to still rise 1.5 meters (about 5 feet).

In Theodore, residents sandbagged their homes. Hundreds of others were evacu-



ated. Photo above shows emergency personnel rescue a resident from a flooded home.

Haiti grants OAS experts full access on vote controversy

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Haiti has granted Organization of American States experts full access to verify the results of the country's disputed presidential election, a top OAS official told AFP yesterday.

Haiti's Provisional Electoral Council (CEP) promised a recount of the November 28 election results

after official results set off charges of fraud and rioting by angry supporters of a losing candidate.

President Rene Preval, accused of rigging the election in favor of his hand-picked candidate, has delayed the recount until after an OAS mission was in place to verify the results.

The Haitian government agreed on the terms of the

Air France ordered to pay 727,000 dollars to Brazilian kin

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AFP) - Air France has been ordered to pay 727,000 dollars (540,000 euros) to relatives of a Brazilian family that died in the airline's deadliest air accident, a Rio-Paris flight that came down in the Atlantic in June 2009.

A Rio de Janeiro court late Monday awarded the sum to the parents and grandparents of a 31-year-old Brazilian woman, Luciana Clarkson

Seba, who perished along with her husband and parents-in-law in the accident.

The crash, which was partially blamed on the aircraft's malfunctioning speed sensors, claimed the lives of all 228 people on board, of more than 30 nationalities. Most of those killed were French, Brazilian and German.

Air France, through its insurers, has made compensation payments to the relatives of the passengers and crew, but continues to defend itself from litigation in Brazil.

The airline's press service in Brazil declined yesterday to give its reaction to the Rio judgement, which could open the way for other lawsuits.

"The airline does not comment on court decisions and will not issue any statement," a spokesperson told AFP.

On top of the damages for suffering, the Rio court ordered Air France to pay Clarkson Seba's mother 3,000 dollars a month.

Youth flood Rotterdam for annual Taize gathering

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands - About 30,000 young people have flooded into the Dutch city of Rotterdam for the opening of the 33rd annual gathering of the Taize non-denominational Christian community, organisers said yesterday.

"The key words for this gathering are joy, compassion and forgiveness," which will be the focus of five days of prayers and talks during the gathering, a spokesman for the community, Brother Emile, told AFP.

About 10,000 Dutch youth and 20,000 young people from Poland, France, Russia and other countries are taking part in the celebration.

The community, based in the eastern French village of Taize, was created in 1940 by 25-year-old Brother Roger, from Switzerland.

He sheltered Jewish refugees during World War II, and following the conflict looked after orphans, as well as caring for German prisoners of war.

Brother Roger was stabbed to death by a mentally disturbed woman in 2005.

The group draws tens of thousands of young people for prayer workshops held across the year at its base, and similar numbers at its annual gathering in a European city, traditionally held between Christmas and New Year.



LA PAZ, Bolivia -- People queue to buy sugar, flour and oil at a store of the Bolivian state-run food production company Emapa guarded by the Police, in La Paz, yesterday, days after the announcement by President Evo Morales' government of an increase in the price of petrol and diesel between 57% and 83%. Truckers and transport unions are holding an open-ended strike across the country against the measure, while Morales defended the 83-percent hike on gasoline prices, saying previous subsidies were a "drain on the economy." (AFP PHOTO)

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Food for Thought

One of the greatest gifts we can give ourselves for the new year, is the gift of forgiveness.

We must forgive ourselves for the stupid mistakes we made, for the impatience we displayed, for the lack of understanding we expressed.

But, the greatest gift is that of forgiveness of others. We need to forgive others who hurt us, who slighted us, who neglected us, who cheated us, who lied about us; those who treated us unfairly. Forgive those who condemned us because they thought it was right to do so. Forgive them all.

Forgiveness will free us to live and enjoy life to the fullest.

Determine not be boxed in, shut in, crippled by a spirit of unforgiveness. Forgive everyone and ask God to forgive you!

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Looking Back Over 2010 Everything Happened For a Reason

As we come closer to the ending of another year, we do well to sit back awhile and just reminisce over the past twelve months. Think back over the things we saw, the places we visited, the experiences we had, the people we met, the friends we made or lost. We will be amazed at how very much happened in these past twelve months! Some things were fun and joyful, others were somber and sad. But, you know....they all happened for a reason!

There were people who came into your life and now as you look back you can see that they were meant to be there, they served some sort of purpose, they taught you a lesson or helped figure out who you are or who you want to become.

At the start of the year you couldn't know who these people would be; a neighbor, a teacher, a long lost friend, a lover or even a complete stranger who, when they appeared, would affect your life in some profound way. But, today as you look back...see how they affected your life!

Certain things happened to you during the year and at the time they seemed horrible, painful and unfair, but as you reflect now at the close of the year you realize that without overcoming those obstacles you would never have realized your potential, your strength,

and your ability to overcome or surpass them all.

You see, everything happens to us for a reason. There is no such thing as chance or luck. Nothing happens by chance or by means of good or bad luck. Illness, injury, love, lost moments or true greatness and utter stupidity all occur to test our limits.

Without these small tests, whether they are events, illnesses or relationships, life would be rather hum-drum and dull, like a straight, flat road to nowhere..... safe and comfortable, but dull and utterly pointless.

The people you met who affected your life and successes and the downfalls you experienced, they are the ones who influenced and impacted who you are today. Even the bad experiences you can learn from. Don't delete those bad experiences you had, they were the hard lessons you need to evaluate today and from which you can learn.

Maybe somebody hurt you, betrayed you, or broke your heart this past year... forgive them. Remember, they came into your life providentially and not by chance. Unknowingly, they should have helped you learn about trust and the importance of being cautious to whom you open your heart.

If someone showed you love, love them back uncondi-

tionally, not only because they love you, but because they are teaching you to love and to open your heart and eyes to things you would have never seen or felt without them.

Decide today as you reflect back, to make every day in the new year count. Begin today to appreciate every moment you have and to take from it everything that you possibly can, for you may never be able to experience it again. Talk to people you have never talked to before, and learn to be a good listener, let yourself fall in love, break free and set your sights high. If you have never fallen in love with you, develop a healthy love of self today! To really love others, you must first have a healthy love of yourself. You can make of your life anything you wish. Create your own life and then go out and live it this New Year! But, don't leave God out; remember He too is extremely interested in you and in your success and happiness in 2011!

As you look back, did you fail; did you mess up in 2010? Okay, who didn't in some fashion or the other? I firmly believe that you can always begin again. Get up, 'wipe off the dust' and begin again. Set your face as a flint to that next level of success and go for it with every ounce of your energy!

One Somali terror suspect remains in custody, 11 now freed

ROTTERDAM, The Netherlands -- Five of the six Somali nationals who remained in custody on suspicion of plotting a terrorist attack in the Netherlands were released yesterday.

Four were set free by the public prosecution department and one on the order of a judge.

One remains in custody and can be held for a further three days. Two of the five released yesterday remain under investigation.

In total, 12 men were arrested by police in a phone shop and four homes in Rotterdam and two motel rooms in Brabant on Friday. No weapons or explosives were found during the raids.

The men are aged between 19 and 48. Six are Rotterdam residents, five have 'no fixed address' and one came from Denmark. Five were released at the weekend and one on Monday and are no longer considered suspects.

The Dutch intelligence

agency, the AIVD, had been investigating the possibility of a terrorist threat in the Netherlands by Somalis for some time. The investigation led the AIVD to believe an attack was planned over Christmas and passed their information on to the Public Prosecution.



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We would like to introduce Boefie to you, one of the donkeys living at the Aruban Donkey Sanctuary. She is the oldest of the newly-borns; about 6 months old. Her mother Tootsie came to the sanctuary when she was pregnant with Boefie. Her mother had been roaming in the Jamanota vicinity together with two other donkeys. Boefie was already adopted before she was even born; this was by two from Holland, who named her Boefie. But of course, this lovely donkey can use more

adoptive parents.

In the beginning, Boefie was very timid: she had learned that from her mother. But before we knew, she became jealous of colleague baby Thunder, who is very affectionate and who loves attention. Boefie wanted that too,

so now you can pat and cuddle her and she adores that. You can really tell!

Boefie has a chip, just like the other donkeys. This way she can be recognized and all her medical information is on it. The donkeys at the sanctuary are well-cared for: they get their food and drink and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers. The volunteers try to cover the cost through organizing all kinds of activities and by selling nice souvenirs in the store.

Fortunately there are visitors who adopt a donkey now and then, who donate money or who buy something in the store. They help keep the sanctuary afloat that way.

The volunteers are now looking for people who wish to adopt Boefie. She will stay at the sanctuary, of course; the only thing that is needed is that AWG. 30,- per month is paid for her keep. In this way you help support this wonderful donkey as well as the sanctuary. You will receive a nice document and a super T-shirt. And if you like, your name and photo will be posted on our website.

Please call the shelter at 595-2933 and become Boefie's new family member; you can also register as an adoptive parent via our website www.arubadonkey.org or deposit a donation on our Aruba Bank account 40.03.025. Please help!

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This Second Diveversity/ MooMba Unox Nieuwjaarsduik has an added benefit: not only do you get rid of the hangover you might have from partying till early morning on the 31st, you get a bowl of Unox Erwtensoeep with sau-



sage as well. This Dutch traditional pea soup will heat you up after your plunge and it will have you in terrific shape for more partying in no time flat.

The Nieuwjaarsduik forms part of a worldwide series, but the one on Aruba will make everyone at home sick with jealousy when they see your lovely, toned, bronzed body on January 1. At noon, 12 o'clock sharp, the signal for the plunge is given and swimmers will be racing off towards the ocean seeking eternal fame. Last year, 160 Unox hats were doled out to participants, but expecting a lot more people, there are now 500 hats waiting for a throbbing or clear head. Participation is free of charge and everyone is welcome to join in. Sponsors of the event are Unox, Diveversity and MooMba Beach.

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The Burrowing Owl . . .

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Everyone in Aruba knows our owl.

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I did not find another country with our owl as their national bird.

In Aruba we have several names for our owl:

* Guardian of the Road, Bird of the night,

* The smart Bird, The

mysterious Bird etc.

The points I mentioned above are not limited. There are many more things to mention about our owl

These points are just a start

What a beautiful gesture it would be that in the year we celebrate our independency (25th year Status Aparte) the Government proclaims our Owl as the National Bird and at the same time state that it is an endemic valued protected specie.

Renovation of Driving license and BIZO building complete

SANTA CRUZ – After extensive renovation, the building housing the offices of the Santa Cruz Police Force is finished. This is also the location of the office for obtaining a driver's license and BIZO - "Bureau Interne Zaken & Onderzoeken" (Bureau of Internal Affairs & Investigations).

The roof of the building had severe leakage, affecting various offices. The exterior was quite deteriorated and the illuminated sign was broken. The renovations took several weeks due to the necessity of filing a petition for the renovation, which also has its own

extended processing period.

The public will appreciate the improvements when visiting the building for a license or other business. The Police

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The "Engkey" takes over the classroom



This handout photo taken on December 27, 2010 shows an English-teaching robot (R), "Engkey", standing in front of children at an elementary school in Daegu, 240 kms south-east of Seoul. Almost 30 robots have started teaching English to youngsters in a South Korean city, education officials said on December 28, 2010, in a pilot project designed to nurture the nascent robot industry. (AFP PHOTO)

Ford Adding Automatic Engine Start-Stop to All Cars



Ford announced Monday that its Auto Start-Stop technology, which turns off a car's engine when it comes to a stop, will be added to non-hybrid cars by 2012.

Auto Start-Stop has been available on gasoline-electric hybrid cars since 2004, and will be added to the Ford Escape Hybrid, Fusion Hybrid, and Lincoln MKZ Hybrid in 2011. In 2012, however, the feature will also be added to non-hybrid vehicles in North America. It will be available on manual and automatic transmission gasoline-powered cars, as well as Ford's dual-clutch six-speed automatic transmission vehicles.

The new Auto Start-Stop for gasoline engines can improve fuel economy by at least 4 percent, Ford said.

Two new pokemon games coming to Nintendo DS in March

Pokemon players will soon meet new characters in new settings in a pair of games set to launch this spring. Nintendo on Monday announced the March 2011 release of "Pokemon White Version" and "Pokemon Black Version" for Nintendo DS.

Nintendo said that with the game, players will encounter more than 150 new

characters who can be caught and trained then



unleashed in battle.

New species abound in Peru, but so do threats



LIMA (AFP) — Each year, a new bird is found and every four years a new mammal discovered in the Peruvian Amazon, a haven for biodiversity where conservation and danger often go hand in hand.

Although Peru is known for its Andes mountain range, the Amazon actually covers 60 percent of the country's territory. It is a hotbed of bioactivity and is home to 25,000 species of plants -- 10 percent of the world's stock.

Thanks to the Amazon, Peru has the world's second-largest bird population (1,800 species) and is among the top five countries for mammals (515 species) and reptiles (418 species).

This year alone, scientists stumbled upon a previously unknown leech and a new type of mosquito.

The animal population has grown in recent years, namely adding a mini poison dart frog with a fire-red head and blue legs (*Ranitomeya amazonica*), a purple-throated Sunangel hummingbird (*Heliangelus viola*) and a "tyrannosaurus leech" with eight teeth (*Tyrannobdella reina*).

More than 1,200 new species of plants or animals have been discovered in 10 years in the Amazon, according to the Worldwide Fund for Nature. But paradoxically,

the novel species are often discovered during the very activities that threaten the Amazon the most.

"Most of these discoveries don't happen during scientific expeditions, which are often costly. They most often come when workers are digging exploration sites for oil, mining or lumber companies," said WWF Peru's Amazon program director Michael Valqui.

"This type of discovery is also simultaneously endangering the species that is being discovered in its one and only habitat."

Peru, home to one of the biggest forest lands -- 700,000 square kilometers (270,270 square miles) -- is also a magnet for resource extraction.

The number of concessions granted has doubled since 2006 to cover 16 percent of the territory, according to the Observatory of Mining Conflicts in Latin America.

At the same time, Peru boasts of being on the cutting edge of conservation, with 15 percent of its territory under protected status.

"And we're aiming for 30 percent," said Environment Minister Antonio Brack.

Environmentalists, though, worry about the future of biodiversity and the species living outside these protected zones.

"There are no clear signals as to what the country intends to do to protect biodiversity," said Ivan Lanegra, representative of the influential government-funded Peruvian ombudsman office.

Gerard Herail of France's IRD research and development institute in Lima noted that "a mining or hydrocarbons firm is not innately destructive. The key is whether or not it is 'clean,' or uses cleaner methods and technologies.

More species are disappearing than are being discovered around the world, noted Ernesto Rael, who heads the Sustainable Development Center at Cayetano Heredia University in Lima.

"In other words, species are disappearing before we discover them," he added.

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Health & Living

Dieting Resolution Works Best When Done in Stages: Expert

If your New Year's resolution involves losing weight, your best chance of success may be to divide your goal into small, manageable parts that you can work on every day, suggests an expert.

"Instead of making the number on the scale the focus, look for other ways to measure success," Stefanie C. Barthmare, a psychotherapist at the Methodist Weight Management Center at Methodist Hospital in Houston, said in a hospital news release.

When you set your goal, take the time to create for yourself a vision of what it will look like to achieve that goal. For example, your goal might be to participate in a specific activity or to fit into a smaller size of pants. The next step is to break your goal down into segments and gradually begin to stop consuming foods that are bad for you.

"Start by cutting down your intake of soda from three a day to one for the first week, and the next week maybe eliminate cheese from your sandwiches," Barthmare advised.



"It's also important to realize that depriving yourself never works. By refraining from one behavior that you know is potentially causing weight gain, you will begin to accumulate small successes. These positive actions and resulting good feelings give you the momentum to keep going and eventually reach the goal you set for yourself."

Barthmare explained that suddenly turning your back on all unhealthy foods may work for a few days or weeks. But when you start thinking about

how you are restricting yourself, it's highly likely that you will return to your old eating habits and gain even more weight.

"When you don't come up with a plan to lose weight and the process is torture, you are setting yourself up for failure," she warned. "Doing it a little at a time will keep you from being overwhelmed, and keep you on track for keeping the pounds off and keeping your New Year's resolution."

Acute sinusitis

Acute sinusitis (acute rhinosinusitis) causes the cavities around your nasal passages (sinuses) to become inflamed and swollen. This interferes with drainage and causes mucus to build up.

With acute sinusitis, it may be difficult to breathe through your nose. The area around your eyes and face may feel swollen, and you may have throbbing facial pain or a headache.

Acute sinusitis is most often caused by the common cold. Other triggers include bacteria, allergies and fungal infections. Treatment of acute sinusitis depends on the cause. In most cases, home remedies are all that's needed. However, persistent sinusitis can lead to serious infections and other complications. Sinusitis that lasts more than 12 weeks, or keeps coming back, is called chronic sinusitis.

Acute sinusitis symptoms often include:

- Drainage of a thick, yellow or greenish discharge from the nose or down the back of the throat
- Nasal obstruction or congestion, causing difficulty breathing through your nose
- Pain, tenderness, swelling and pressure around your eyes, cheeks, nose or forehead
- Aching in your upper jaw and teeth

- Reduced sense of smell and taste
- Cough, which may be worse at night

Other signs and symptoms can include:

- Ear pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Bad breath (halitosis)
- Fatigue
- Fever

Contact your doctor if you have any of the following:


- Symptoms that don't improve within a few days or symptoms that get worse
- A persistent fever
- A history of recurrent or chronic sinusitis

See a doctor immediately if you have signs or symptoms that may indicate a serious infection:

- Pain or swelling around your eyes
- Swollen forehead
- Severe headache
- Confusion
- Double vision or other vision changes
- Stiff neck
- Shortness of breath



Elderly women choose vegetables from a vendor at Kouganji Temple in Tokyo. East Asia's booming economies have for years been the envy of the world, but a shortfall in one crucial area -- babies -- threatens to render yesterday's tigers toothless. Some of the world's lowest birth rates look set to slash labour forces Asian countries where fewer workers will support more retirees and their ballooning health care and pension costs. On current trends, Japan's population of 127 million will by 2055 shrivel to 90 million, warns the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research. (AFP PHOTO)

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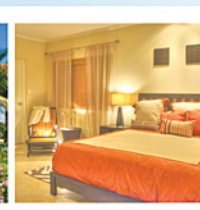
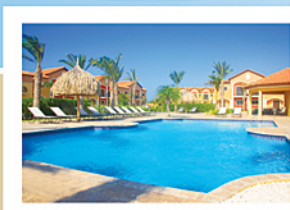
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Nobel laureate Liu marks 55th birthday in prison

BEIJING, China (AFP) — Jailed Nobel peace laureate Liu Xiaobo marked his 55th birthday yesterday in a prison in northeast China, prompting renewed calls from rights groups for his immediate release.

Liu, a writer and one-time professor, was sentenced to 11 years in prison on Christmas Day last year on subversion charges after co-authoring Charter 08, a bold petition calling for political reform in one-party Communist-ruled China.

He was named the peace prize winner in October, spark-

ing fury in Beijing, which equated the Oslo-based Nobel committee's decision with encouraging crime. A ceremony in Liu's honour was held in the Norwegian capital on December 10.

The Chinese Human Rights Defenders (CHRD), an activist network based in Hong Kong, said it wanted to "take this opportunity to wish Liu Xiaobo a happy birthday and to once again call for his immediate and unconditional release".

The group recalled in a statement that Liu was spend-

ing his birthday at the remote Jinzhou prison in the northeastern province of Liaoning for the first time but had not been free to celebrate in the past two years.

In 2009, he was in a Beijing detention center following his sentencing, and in 2008, he was under police surveillance outside the Chinese capital.

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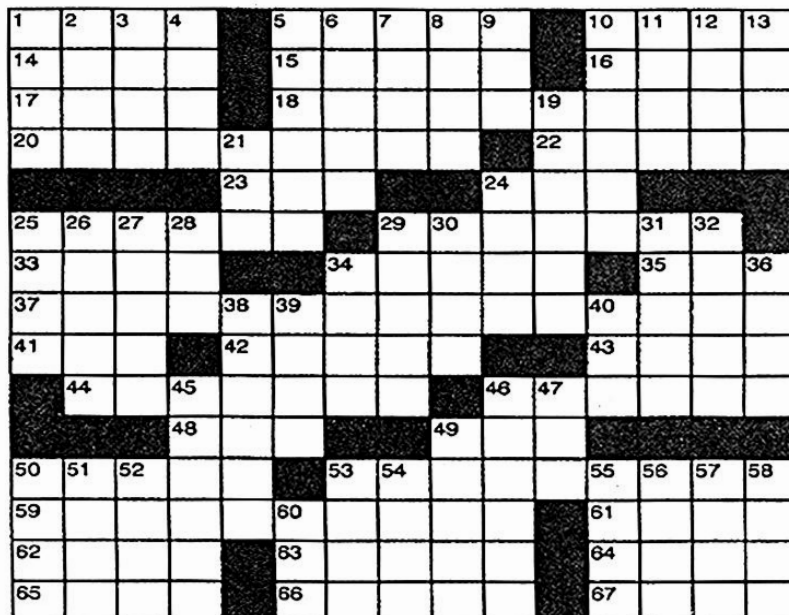
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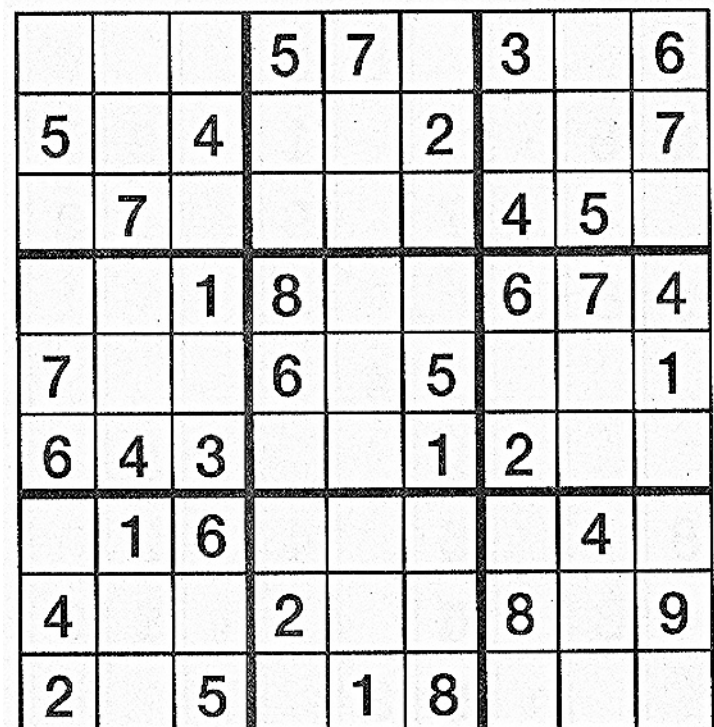
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Repsol completes sale of Brazilian unit stake to Sinopec

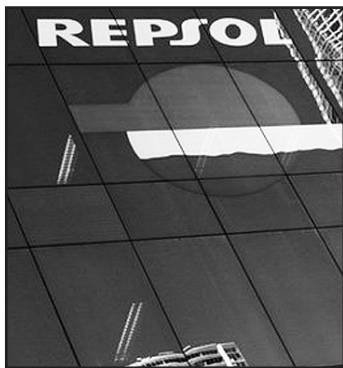
MADRID, Spain (AFP) — Spanish energy giant Repsol shareholders this week approved the sale of 40 percent of its Brazilian affiliate to Sinopec, China's largest oil group, for 7.1 billion dollars (5.2 billion euros).

"The general assembly of Repsol Brazil shareholders held in Rio de Janeiro today approved the capital increase of 7.1 billions euros which was subscribed in full by Sinopec," the Barcelona-based company said in a statement.

"After this operation, Repsol holds 60 percent of shares in Repsol Brazil and Sinopec the remaining 40 percent," it added.

The deal, which was first announced in October, provides Repsol with funds for development of oil fields in Brazil.

Under the agreement Repsol and Sinopec will continue with expansion plans in Brazil and participate, jointly or separately, in future rounds of tenders in the country.



Picture of the Repsol logo at the headquarter in Madrid, Spain.

Sinopec is already involved in exploration and production in more than 20 countries and, like other major Chinese oil companies, it is seeking overseas investments in oil and gas resources to meet China's soaring demand for energy and commodities.

China's energy consumption has become the world's second largest on the back of years of double-digit economic growth.

PepsiCo's Russia deal wins Putin's blessing

MOSCOW, Russia (AFP) — PepsiCo's big venture into Russia received a major boost when Prime Minister Vladimir Putin gave his blessing to the US giant's takeover of a major local juice and dairy firm.

PepsiCo's intended purchase of Wimm-Bill-Dann is its biggest acquisition outside the United States and one of the most important deals ever struck outside the Russian energy sector.

The takeover earned a nod of approval from the head of Russia's anti-monopoly service and still further support from the country's de facto leader Putin.

"This deal's implementation will not only help our partners establish themselves on the Russian food market, but enter the markets of the Commonwealth of Independent States," ITAR-TASS quoted Putin as saying.

He added that PepsiCo -- which was the first US consumer goods company to break into the Soviet market in 1973 -- had promised to invest about one billion dollars (30 billion rubles) in the Russian company over the next five years.

"This will help create more than one thousand new jobs,"



Soft-drink bottles move along the production line in a PepsiCo bottling plant not far from Moscow in Domodedovo.

said Russia's former president turned premier.

The acquisition appeared to be headed toward formal approval next month.

Russia has sought to attract new foreign investments as it tries to recover from a 2009 financial meltdown that derailed a modernisation drive intended to wean the country off its dependence on energy revenues.

Putin's formal approval is seen as imperative before any company can break into a market as lucrative and important to Russia as the food and drinks sector.

Putin noted that Wimm-Bill-Damm was recently named by Forbes magazine as

one of the country's 10 most famous brands and listed several of its more popular products.

"This is one of our leading players on the soft drink market," Putin said.

News reports said the deal was also approved by a cabinet commission in charge of foreign investments.

The head of Russia's anti-monopoly unit said in separate remarks that all formalities should be completed within a matter of weeks.

"We are well disposed toward this deal," Igor Artemyev said. "I think that we will conclude this by January," Interfax quoted the anti-monopoly chief as saying.

PepsiCo on December 2 said that it had agreed to pay 5.4 billion dollars (4.1 billion euros) for Russia's largest dairy and baby food producer.

The takeover would enable PepsiCo to become not only the country's largest food-and-beverage business but also expand further into eastern Europe and the former Soviet states.

Wimm-Bill-Dann -- named in honour of its founder's love for tennis -- controls just over 40 percent of Russia's juice market and 30 percent of the dairy market.

The announced agreement envisions PepsiCo taking immediate control of a 66-percent stake in Wimm-Bill-Dann for 3.8 billion dollars.

The remaining shares are to be bought progressively in an acquisition that PepsiCo hopes will enable it to establish a 30-billion-dollar nutrition business by 2020.

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PARIS, France (AFP) — The French nuclear energy group Areva said that its 900-million-euro (1.2-billion-dollar) capital increase had been carried out.

The increase included a 600-million-euro investment by the Kuwait Investment Authority.

The Kuwaiti sovereign fund acquired a 4.8 percent stake in Areva, becoming the company's third largest shareholder, following the French atomic energy agency and the government.

The French state subscribed to the remaining 300 million euros.



PARIS, France (AFP) — The chief of French bank Societe General said further European bank stress tests are not needed as their exposure to sovereign debt is known.

The stringency of the European bank stress tests carried out in July has been called into question by the markets after Bank of Ireland and Allied Irish Banks passed only to need bailouts a few months later.

Of 91 European banks tested last July, only seven -- five in Spain, one in Germany and one in Greece -- were found to be vulnerable to economic stress.

Nokia Siemens says Motorola purchase deal delayed to 2011

HELSINKI, Finland (AFP) — Finnish-German giant Nokia Siemens Networks (NSN) said its purchase of Motorola's wireless network infrastructure assets would be delayed until 2011 pending approval from Chinese regulators.

The companies had announced on July 19 that NSN would buy most of Motorola's wireless network infrastructure assets for 1.2 billion dollars (926 million euros), bolstering its ranking as world number two in the industry.

NSN said at the time both firms expected to complete the deal, which needed regulatory approvals, by the end of 2010.

This week, the Finnish-German company said in a statement it now expected "to complete its acquisition of the majority of Motorola's public carrier wireless network infra-

structure assets in the first quarter of 2011."

"The transaction has not yet received regulatory approval from the Anti-Monopoly Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce of China, which is continuing its review process," the company said, adding "all other necessary regulatory clearances have been obtained."

On December 15, the European Commission gave the green light to the transaction, saying it would "not significantly impede effective competition in the European Economic Area (EEA) or any substantial part of it."

The deal has also received the approval of regulators in the United States, Brazil, Japan, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan and Turkey, NSN said.

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Insure a happy New Year by being fireworks smart and safe



The end of the year is a time for merriment and joy; don't let the festivities be foiled by an injury, which is certainly possible with all private use of pyrotechnics on not only New Year's Eve, but the days prior and usually after. A visit to the emergency room will certainly spoil everyone's holiday spirit and the arrival of 2011 will be not such a welcome event.

Party décor:

The greatest hazard at holiday time, according to the U.S. Fireman's associa-

tion is open candles, the source of an estimated 17,200 domestic fires annual in the U.S. Many fire departments have launched programs to see them eliminated entirely. If you must use them, make sure they are in stable holders that won't easily be knocked over, and never depart your home or go to sleep with candles burning. The same is true when doing your holiday cooking; never leave a stove unattended, particularly when cooking with oils or foods with a high fat content. If a grease fire starts, use an extinguisher or cover

the pot and smother the fire, never pour water on a grease fire-this will only make it spread.

New Years is a time that kids love and mothers dread. Fireworks are great fun, but must be handled cautiously; each year Aruba's emergency room treats patients for lost fingers and burns resulting from ill use of fireworks. #1 rule: NEVER ALLOW A CHILD TO USE FIREWORKS UNSUPERVISED. Even sparklers can reach a temperature of 1800 degree Fahrenheit, so don't assume these are "safe."

Always read cautionary material and instructions. When igniting fireworks, be sure to place them on a level surface in a stable launcher, clear of any combustible material and not aimed at any buildings. Never hold lit fireworks; they may be defective and explode in your hand.

Always keep a bucket of water or a hose handy; do not try to relight a firework that has malfunctioned, but hose it down thoroughly. Do not look down a tube of a large "batata" that has not launched after a reasonable time; you might find out it is only delayed, as did one man two years ago, resulting in serious facial burns and eye damage. Do not reuse fireworks that have been lying around since the previous year; make sure to use up your supply and throw away any you have leftover.

Another aspect of Aruba's end of the year enthusiasm for fireworks is **CONSIDERATION**. The entire community enjoys those special moments surrounding the end of the year, from the giant pagaras set off by companies at the close



of business year to the midnight frenzy surrounding the changing of the calendar. However, during the days prior to New Year's Eve, when fireworks are first sold, and often for several days after, inconsiderate individuals will be disturbing Aruba's tranquility by setting off firecrackers through the day, night and well into the wee hours of the morning. This is not the nights set aside for merriment and staying up late; many people have to get up for work the next day and strongly resent their sleep interrupted by noisy explosions. Parents should regulate the use of the fireworks and lock them up after a certain hour; children should not have unlimited access to them in any case, for the reasons explained above, as well as consideration for the neighborhood in their use.

Most fire departments have a slogan regarding fireworks: "Leave them to the professionals!" with very good reason. In Aruba they are a tradition, as no one can imagine ending the old year without a pagara; be wise and start the New Year right.

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Christmas baby boy for Alanis Morissette



LOS ANGELES, California (AFP)- Canadian-born singer songwriter Alanis Morissette got a very special yuletide gift with the birth of her first child, a baby boy, on Christmas Day, her agent told People magazine.

"Alanis Morissette and

Mario 'Souleye' Treadway welcomed the newborn Ever Imre Morissette-Treadway, on December 25th," the agent was quoted as saying. "All are healthy and happy."

The seven-time Grammy Award winner Morissette, 36, married rapper Treadway, 30, earlier this year at their Los Angeles home, and announced she was pregnant in August. She has reportedly sold more than 40 million albums worldwide.

Previously, she was romantically linked to fellow Canadian, the actor Ryan Reynolds, who is currently divorcing US actress Scarlett Johansson after two years of marriage.

Oscar nomination ballots sent to voters

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences this week sent out Oscar ballots to its members, who will select the nominees for Hollywood's top film honors. The academy's 5,755 voting members must cast their ballots to determine the Oscar nominations, which will be announced on January 25.

The 83rd Academy Awards show, when the winners will be made known, is to be held on February 27.

Completed Oscar nomination ballots must be sent to the professional accounting firm Pricewaterhouse Coopers by January 14.

The company tabulates the ballots to "ensure that all as-



pects of the balloting process are conducted with fairness and accuracy," the Academy said in a statement.

Actors James Franco -- star of Danny Boyle's latest movie "127 Hours" -- and "Love and Other Drugs" star Anne Hathaway will co-host the 2011 Oscars ceremony at Hollywood's Kodak Theater.

Oprah Winfrey, Sandra Bul-

lock and Halle Berry will also be among presenters handing out the awards, along with 2010 best actor Oscar winner Jeff Bridges and 1993 best supporting actress winner Marisa Tomei.

Berry won best actress in 2002, while Bridges and Bullock won in 2010 for their leading roles in "Crazy Heart" and "The Blind Side," respectively.

Winfrey, who was nominated for an Oscar for her supporting role in the 1985 film "The Color Purple," recently served as the voice of Eudora in "The Princess and the Frog" and was executive producer of 2010 best picture nominee "Precious."

Elton John and partner become parents: report

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – Pop superstar Elton John and his partner David Furnish have become the parents of a baby boy born to a surrogate mother in California, Us Magazine reported.

The weekly said the baby, named Zachary, was born December 25 to a surrogate for John, 62, and Furnish, a 48-year-old Canadian filmmaker.

"We are overwhelmed with happiness and joy at this very special moment," the singer and Furnish were quoted by the magazine as saying in a joint statement.

"Zachary is healthy and doing really well, and we are very proud and happy parents."

John and Furnish married in 2005 after 12 years together.

The baby weighed 3.5 kilos (seven pounds, 15 ounces), according to the report, which said the couple would not be discussing any details relating to the surrogacy arrangements.



The star tried to adopt a 14-month-old boy he met while visiting an orphanage in Ukraine last year, but his attempt was blocked by government regulations.

Among the first to react to the news of the birth was the couple's friend, model and actress Elizabeth Hurley, who wrote on her Twitter page: "Massive congratulations to David and Elton on having their beautiful son. Can't wait for my first cuddle."

John has sold more than 250 million records in a career spanning four decades and the singer-songwriter was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1994.

His tribute single to the late Princess Diana, "Candle in the Wind 1997" -- a remake of his own "Candle in the Wind" -- became a phenomenal global success, selling more than 33 million copies, and John performed it at her funeral.

Black Swan star Natalie Portman pregnant, engaged



LOS ANGELES, (AFP) - US actress Natalie Portman is engaged to marry French ballet

dancer and choreographer Benjamin Millepied and is pregnant with his child, her publicist told People magazine.

Portman, 29, met Millepied, the principal dancer of the New York Ballet, while filming "Black Swan," the dance drama that has made her a favorite for an Oscar next year.

The actress's representatives would only confirm that she was pregnant and engaged without disclosing the date of

the wedding or where the baby will be born.

Millepied, born in 1977 in the French city of Bordeaux, is an internationally-known choreographer who trained Portman and Mila Kunis for their roles in "Black Swan," and danced in it as well.

Portman's next film is a romantic comedy with Ashton Kutcher directed by Ivan Reitman, father of Jason Reitman, the director of "Juno" and "Up in the Air."

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Balotelli treble puts Man City on top

LONDON (AFP) - Mario Balotelli scored a hat-trick as Manchester City went top of the Premier League, for a few hours at least, after a 4-0 win at home to Aston Villa on Tuesday.

City's crushing win -- they were 3-0 up before half-time against a struggling Villa side -- saw them climb above Manchester United at the summit of English football.

But United will regain top spot if they avoid defeat away to Birmingham in one of Tuesday's late kick-off matches.

"We did a good job," Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini said.

And he added that Balotelli, his fellow Italian, was suffering from understandable homesickness after reports the striker wanted to leave Eastlands.

"He's only 20-years-old. It's the first time he goes out of his house. But he's happy, maybe missing his family, but everything is fine."

Tottenham Hotspur meanwhile displaced Premier



Balotelli

League champions Chelsea in the top four after a 2-0 win at home to Newcastle.

England international Aaron Lennon's second-half goal broke the deadlock at White Hart Lane.

Then, for the second match in a row, Spurs were reduced to 10 men when Younes Kaboul was sent off in the 65th minute after his head needlessly made contact with Newcastle's Cheik

Tiote.

But, as was the case in their win over Villa, Spurs scored a second goal when a man down with in-form Wales midfielder Gareth Bale netting nine minutes from time.

"We are disappointed with the sending off, you don't do something that silly, but the lads were fantastic after that," Spurs boss Harry Redknapp said.

Blackpool's fairytale first season in the Premier League continued with a 2-0 win away to Sunderland secured by striker DJ Campbell's second-half double.

"They amaze me week in and week out," Blackpool manager Ian Holloway said of his side, who have defied all pre-season forecasts to be in eighth place.

"We rode our luck a little bit but we are absolutely delighted," he added after Blackpool inflicted Sunderland's first home league defeat of the season. "I can't thank the lads enough for their efforts. I'm on cloud nine."

France's Worley continues giant slalom streak



France's Tessa Worley celebrates her victory in the giant slalom during the women's Alpine skiing World cup in Semmering on December 28, 2010. Worley won ahead of Germany's Maria Riesch and Kathrin Hoelzl. (AFP)

SEMMERING (AFP) - France's Tessa Worley won the women's World Cup giant slalom race here on Tuesday ahead of German duo Maria Riesch and Kathrin Hoelzl.

It was the 21-year-old Worley's third successive victory in the discipline after previous wins in Aspen and St Moritz, and fifth World

Cup victory.

Worley, whose father is Australian, led after the first run and eventually finished with a combined total of 2min 09.66sec, a massive 0.62sec ahead of Riesch, with Hoelzl a further 0.06sec adrift.

"I'm just so happy for the moment, it's brilliant," beamed Worley. "I'm going to

keep going.

"My skis are more stable, and I'm not making many mistakes."

Riesch's second place was enough to see her retake the lead (658 points) in the overall World Cup standings from American Lindsey Vonn (617), who could only finish seventh with 2:11.06, 1.40sec off the pace.

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Obama says Vick deserves second chance



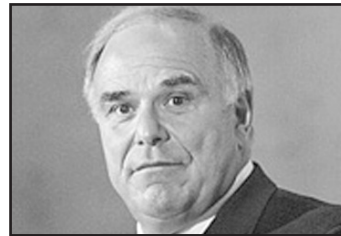
WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama says disgraced National Football League quarterback Michael Vick deserves a second chance after serving a jail sentence for his involvement in a dog-fighting ring.

White House spokesman Bill Burton says the president told Philadelphia Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie that people in Vick's position should be able to contribute to society once they have served time in jail for their crimes.

Vick served 18 months after being convicted in connection with a dog-fighting ring. The president also added he condemns the crime Vick was charged with.

Vick signed with Philadelphia last year and helped lead the Eagles to this year's National Football League playoffs.

Chinese would handle snow better: US governor



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The governor of Pennsylvania blasted the precautions over this week's blizzard as a sign of growing US feebleness, saying that the Chinese would not have flinched at the snow.

"We've become a nation of wussies. The Chinese are kicking our butts in everything," Ed Rendell, the governor of the eastern state, told a Philadelphia radio station on Monday.

Rendell was upset about the National Football League's decision to postpone the Philadelphia Eagles' home game against the Minnesota Vikings scheduled Sunday due to forecasts of heavy snow in the sixth largest US city.

Philadelphia received up to six inches (15 centimeters) of snow, less than predicted, although other parts of the East Coast including New York City were blanketed with much heavier snowfalls.

"If this was in China, do you think the Chinese would have called off the game?" Rendell said.

"The people would have been marching down to the stadium. They would have walked and they would have been doing calculus on the way down," he told 97.5 The Fanatic, a sports station.

Rendell said that American football, whose regular season runs through autumn and winter, was meant to be played in all weather and that fans "can make rational decisions" on whether to come to the stadium.

"I think it goes against everything that football's all about," Rendell said of the cancellation, quipping that legendary Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi would be "spinning in his grave."

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Defending champs Saints rally to clinch playoff spot

ATLANTA, Georgia (AFP) – New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees tossed a six-yard touchdown pass to Jimmy Graham late in the game as the defending Super Bowl champions clinched a playoff spot by edging Atlanta.

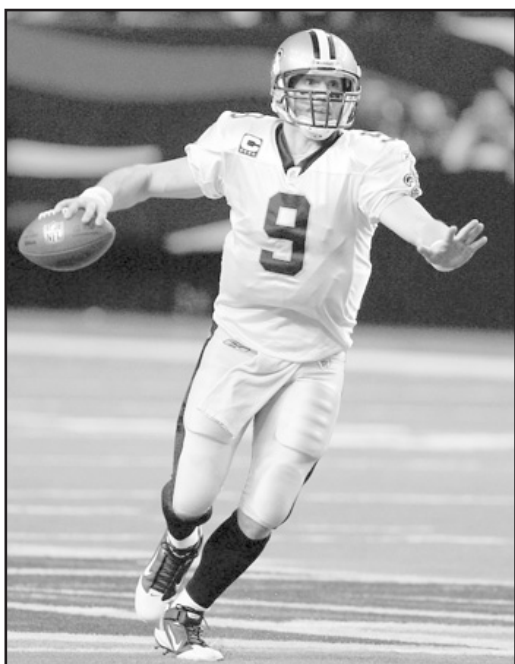
Brees connected with rookie Graham for the winning touchdown with three minutes, 24 seconds left to give the Saints a 17-14 National Football League win over the Atlanta Falcons on Monday night.

"It feels good. We punched our ticket to the big show," Brees said.

Brees engineered a 13-play, 90-yard drive late in the game by completing six consecutive passes at the Georgia Dome stadium.

"It was a one pass game and we had to go 90 yards. The guys made the plays down the stretch," Brees said.

Atlanta (12-3) took the lead early in the final quarter when Chauncey Davis re-



Drew Brees

turned an interception 26 yards for the score. Davis' pick was one of two interceptions thrown by Brees in the game.

The Falcons were hoping to wrap up their first division title with a win Monday.

Brees completed 35-of-49 passes for 302 yards for the Saints who now have 11 wins

and four losses and avenged a loss to the Falcons in the third week of the season.

"I got to hand it to our guys," Brees said. "They were able to avoid negative plays and find a way to win."

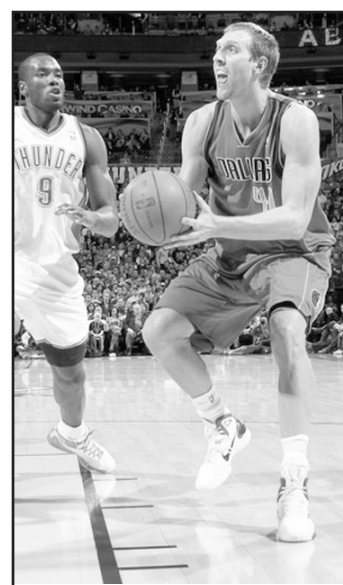
New Orleans also kept their hopes alive of clinching a second consecutive NFC South title. If the Saints beat Tampa Bay next week and the Falcons lose to Carolina, New Orleans win the division.

Matt Ryan completed 15-of-29 passes for 148 yards and a touchdown for Atlanta, who saw an eight-game winning streak come to an end with loss.

Atlanta had already wrapped up a berth in the post-season.

Michael Turner rushed for 48 yards on 17 carries. Roddy White caught three passes for 43 yards in the loss.

Mavericks' Nowitzki injured in win over Thunder



OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma (AFP) – The Dallas Mavericks beat Oklahoma City 103-93 but not before losing star forward Dirk Nowitzki to a knee injury that kept him out of the game from the second quarter.

Germany's Nowitzki scored 13 points before leaving the game with just over nine minutes left in the first half. Dallas officials described his condition as a sore right knee but didn't go into details.

Reserve Shawn Marion stepped in for Nowitzki and finished with 20 points for Dallas who won 17 of their past 18 games. Caron Butler led the Mavericks with 21 points.

DeShawn Stevenson scored 12 points for the Mavericks while Jason Kidd finished with 10 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds.

The Mavericks improved to 11-1 on the road this season and 24-5 overall.

Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant scored 28 points -- one game after scoring 44 points on Saturday against the Denver Nuggets.

James Harden had 18 for the Thunder, who lost their second game in a row to the Mavericks this season.

Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle, who had minor knee surgery, also missed the game, leaving assistant coach Dwane Casey to lead the team.

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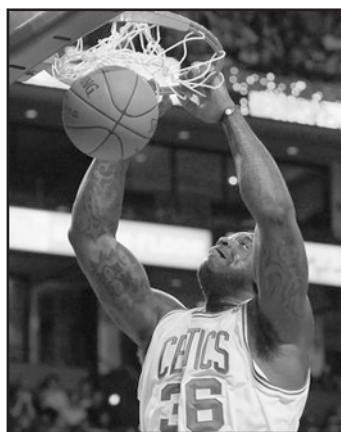
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NBA's O'Neal fined for criticizing officials



NEW YORK (AFP) – Boston Celtics giant center Shaquille

O'Neal has been slapped with a 35,000 dollar fine by the National Basketball Association for criticizing game officials, the league announced.

The fine comes after O'Neal fouled out of Boston's 86-78 loss to Orlando in the fourth quarter on Saturday.

O'Neal finished with just two points in 13 minutes of work and referred to the officials as "control freaks" in his post-game comments.

O'Neal has now fouled out 63 times in his career.

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Brewers agree to one-year deal with Saito

MILWAUKEE -- The Brewers have agreed to terms with veteran reliever Takashi Saito on a one-year contract, adding yet another new arm to a pitching staff that has undergone a complete overhaul since the calendar turned to December.

Saito's base salary will be less than \$2 million, but he can earn bonuses for games finished to push his earnings close to the \$3.2 million Saito pocketed from the Braves in 2010, when the right-hander posted a 2.83 ERA in 56 games. He will be 41 by Opening Day.

The Brewers' offices are

closed this week for the holiday, so the club will not make an official announcement about Saito until next week. But a baseball source with knowledge of the deal confirmed it Monday, after the news started breaking in Japan.

"He pitched a lot of eighth innings for the Braves, setting up Billy Wagner, and [the Brewers] liked that about him," the source said. "He's almost a Solomon Torres-type, the kind of guy with experience in the late innings who could step in and save a game when you have three or four save opportunities in a row."

Laxman, bowlers put India in strong position

DURBAN (AFP) - VVS Laxman made a polished 96 before India's bowlers grabbed three wickets to give their side the advantage on the third day of the second Test against South Africa at Kingsmead on Tuesday.

When bad light stopped play, South Africa were 111 for three, still 192 runs short of a victory target of 303.

South African captain Graeme Smith made a belligerent 37 off 38 balls as he and Alviro Petersen put on 63 in even time for the first wicket.

But Smith was out in the over before tea and two more wickets fell within four balls

shortly after the interval to put India in a strong position to level the three-match series.

First, though, they will have to get past Jacques Kallis and AB de Villiers, who were unbeaten on 12 and 17 respectively when the umpires called off play.

Sree Sreesanth took two wickets and Harbhajan Singh one to dent South African hopes of clinching the series following their win by an innings and 25 runs in the first Test at Centurion.

Smith went on the attack against left-arm opening bowler Zaheer Khan, hitting two boundaries off the first

over and taking 12 runs, including two more fours, off Khan's next over. After conceding another boundary to Smith, Khan was taken out of the attack after three overs which cost 24 runs.

In a low-scoring match, Laxman's score was more than double the previous highest - his own 38 in the first innings.

The stands with Dhoni and Khan were also the best of the match to that point, with the pitch playing easier than on the first two days.

Laxman batted for 280 minutes, faced 171 balls and hit 12 fours.



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